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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR IMAGE SHARING BASED ON FACES IN AN IMAGE

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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following application(s) of:

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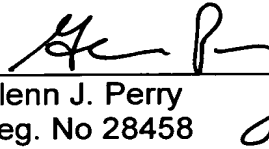
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